

Alaska Archaeology Month Events 2017

April is Alaska Archaeology Month. Learn about Alaska's rich history and cultural heritage at public events and activities for all ages throughout the spring and across the state. Find the latest information at <http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/> and [facebook.com/AlaskaAnthropologicalAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaAnthropologicalAssociation)

April 1	Museum of the Aleutians	Unalaska
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Public Lecture: Archaeological Research in the Islands of Four Mountains

Archaeological investigations of village sites in the Islands of Four Mountains documented 4000 years of hunting, gathering, and fishing. Occupation of these islands ended with Russian contact and the Aleut Revolt. Virginia Hatfield and Kale Bruner will discuss research from excavations conducted in 2014 and 2015. April 1st at 7 pm.

April – all month	Anchorage Alaska Public Lands Information Center	Anchorage
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Exhibit: Archaeological Collections from Alaska National Parks

Crampons, carvings, creepers and cameras are among the things that form an eclectic collection of museum objects from every Alaskan national park. Brought together in celebration of the National Park Service Centennial, the exhibit is on display at the Anchorage Alaska Public Lands Information Center through April. 605 W 4th Ave. Glimpse these treasures on the web at:

<https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/exhibit/mwLSpGOXWnRSKw>

April 5	Alaska Quaternary Center	Fairbanks
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Public Lecture: New Views of Viking Greenland—Resilient, Adaptive, but Still Extinct

New archaeological finds paint a picture of how Vikings lived and why they became, as archaeologist Thomas McGovern says, “extinct.” McGovern, an archaeologist at Hunter College of the City University of New York, will share insights from his decades of research piecing together the history of the Norse settlements in Greenland. Wednesday, April 5, 7 pm. West Valley High School Performing Arts Center, 3800 Geist Road, Fairbanks. More info: cnsm.uaf.edu/vikings

April 25	Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (UIC) Science	Utqiagvik
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Public Lecture: Walakpa: How Salvaged Archaeological Remains Can Benefit Our Community

Dr. Anne Jensen and Kaare Siikuaq Erickson will describe the Walakpa Archaeology Salvage Project (WASP), work focused on a large and important archaeological site near Utqiagvik that is eroding into the Chukchi Sea. A hands on activity will show how toggle head harpoons work, how this technology has impacted human distribution in the Arctic, and how toggle head harpoon technology continues to be vital to Inupiat culture. 7pm, Tuzzy Library, Utqiagvik (Barrow) Alaska.

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April 25

Anchorage Alaska Public Lands Information Center

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Public Lecture: The Alaskan Paleoarctic Tradition and the People of Beringia

Learn about life in Alaska at the end of the last Ice Age when bison, elk and horse roamed the landscape and where deepest roots of Alaska's history and culture begin. Dr. Andrew Tremayne, Regional Archaeologist for the National Park Service, will share his research experiences and summarize the latest findings. Noon. Anchorage Alaska Public Lands Information Center, 605 W 4th Ave.

<https://www.alaskacenters.gov/anchorage.cfm>

April 26

Northwest Arctic Heritage Center

Kotzebue

Film Screening: Igliqtiqsiugvigruak [Swift Water Place]

Two hundred years ago on the Kobuk River the place called Igliqtiqsiugvigruak had dozens of massive houses connected with a web of tunnels, housed some 200 people, and functioned as a regional capital. Learn about this fascinating chapter of Inupiat history through the voices and images of the people of Kiana and archaeological research by Dr. Douglas Anderson. 7 pm. Information: 907-442-8321.

April 28

Utuqqanaat Inaat & National Park Service

Kotzebue

Open House: Artifacts from Tulaagiaq

Peruse an amazing collection of more than 100 beautifully made arrowheads from the 1200 year old Tulaagiaq site north of Kotzebue. The artifacts will be unveiled as part of a new exhibit housed at the Utuqqanaat Inaat (place for elders) at the Maniilaq Health Center. 2 pm. Information: Hannah Atkinson at 907-442-8342.

April 29

Alaska Native Heritage Center

Anchorage

18th Annual Alaska Atlatl Fun and Throw

Come to this free event and try taking down a mammoth, rhino or bison with a spear thrower! Alaska Native Heritage Center, from Noon to 5 pm, for ages 8 and up. Information: Richard VanderHoek at 907-269-8728.